(b) what are the details of the essential commodities the imports of which are not canalised and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) Canalisation is an instrument of Policy to regulate import and export of certain goods because of their sensitivity or on account of commercial advantage.

(b) Import of items, not specifically mentioned in the list of canalised items, is regulated in terms of relevant provisions of the Import and Export Policy, 1985-86, subject to prescribed conditions. The reasons for these items not having been canalised is the non-fulfilment of canalisation *criteria.*

Amount spent on publicity in foreign countries for the promotion of tourism in the country

2836. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount spent by Government in foreign countries for promoting tourism during the last three years, year-wise and upto 31st March, 1986;

(b) what are the different heads under which this expenditure was incurred and the amount spent under each head year-wise during the above period; and

(c) what are the achievements in the matter of tourism promotion as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The amounts spent by Government in foreign countries for promotion of tourism during the last 3 years year-wise were as follows :—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1983-84	211.56
1984-85	241.12
1985-86	458.41

Within the overall budget allocated, the overseas offices meet the expenditure for various promotional activities like Trade seminars, India Evenings, Travel Marts, Production of promotional material, and Product Advertising.

(c) As a result of the promotion activities undertaken by various overseas offices, India has been established as a premier holiday destination. This has been reflected in the steady increase in tourist arrivals over the last 5 years, the current year's arrival figures reflecting around 17.1% increase over the previous year's arrivals.

Benami bank accounts in Punjab National Bank, Dibrugarh, Assam

2837. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received on the 11th August, 1986 detailed information in writing about (i) benami bank accounts of Punjab National Bank, Dibrugarh (Assam) involving transactions worth lakhs of rupees and (ii) an illegal current account opened at the United Industrial Bank Limited, Dibrugarh in collusion with both the Branch Manager and Accountant and subsequent withdrawal of several lakhs of rupees fraudulently from the said account; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what followup action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations are being looked into.

Illegal current account opened at Dibrugarh branch of the United Industrial Bank Ltd.

2838. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a case of criminal conspiracy in connection with an illegal current account opened at the Dibrugarh branch of the United Industrial Bank Ltd. in collusion with both the Branch Manager and Accountant and fraudulent withdrawal of several lakhs of rupees from the said account subsequently was registered at the Dibrugarh Police Station (Assam) on 21st November, 1985;